

providing configuration services to said network if the response to said configuration information request is not received from said remote device within said period of time;

providing configuration services to said network if said device has a higher priority than said remote device; and

monitoring said network to detect a connection of an additional device to said network.

Please cancel claims 8-11 without prejudice.

12. (Amended) A method of initializing a network comprising:
automatically assigning an address to a device on said network;
automatically assigning a network name to said device on said network;
automatically supplying user and group information across said network; and
automatically determining service capability of said device on said network.

21. A network comprising:
a first device coupled to said network, said first device configured to automatically
request a first network address;
receive a first network address from a second device coupled to said network;